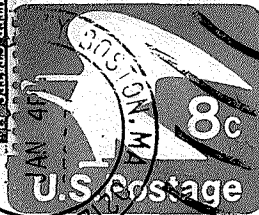
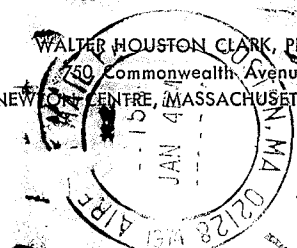


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Dear Tim,

I understand that you have changed your official residence from Folsom to Vacaville, so I am sending this letter there. I am also sending a copy to Joanna so as to make sure that at least the basic ideas reach you.

I am ashamed to say that I have just now gotten around to editing the expansion of NEUROLOGIC for transmission to Harper & Row. A retired person should have a lot of free time and therefore be more punctual, but I seem to be harried and busy. The chief obstacle was that I was invited to submit a paper to the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Religion and Psychical Research. They threw up some resistance to my giving one on the psychedelics but I insisted, the result being that they not only elected me to the Board but made me President of the outfit. This has involved me time consuming detail, which, without a secretary, has made it more time consuming. I can also offer other excuses.

Of course I have long since read the material and have been pondering it as well as discussing my ideas with others. The problem seems to me that the autobiographical material, though fascinating, is written in a more popular style inconsistent with that of NEUROLOGIC. Also some of the material is not apt to appeal to the larval mentality of H & R. I think there is a definite plus to your reputation in being published by H&R, and I would advise you not to forego the opportunity. The autobiographical material - preferably expanded to cover your whole life - could then be published afterward, using the framework of NEUROLOGIC on which to hang it. Probably you would have to get another publisher for this, but that should not be difficult. *I found the autobiographical material fascinating & think it might well make a good deal of money for you.* I think there is enough, or nearly enough material compatible with the style of NEUROLOGIC in the Insert and bits from some of the other material to make a Foreword and an expansion of NEUROLOGIC sufficient for a book of the length desired by Carlson, the Editor to whom I spoke. This would include Starseed as a final chapter, perhaps ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ explained as an eventuality to which the logic of the essay might point, perhaps entitled "A Final Speculation - Starseed: A Way Out."

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The possibility I considered was that of Printing NEUROLOGIC as is. It is so well organized that it is a little too bad to spoil it. Then several other essays could be published along with it, such as Starseed and perhaps the brief in which you sue Reagan, which is well reasoned and makes a good deal of sense. Even if nothing comes of it is an excellent essay for criminologists. However, I prefer the former plan and have made considerable headway in bringing the material together. Incidentally I have either misplaced or loaned out all of my copies of NEUROLOGIC in the form given to H&R - i.e. the xeroxed manuscript (I have a RALLYING POINT copy). I wonder whether Joanna could send me a copy of the original ms. so that I can make directions for the publisher more

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explicit on paging etc.

Incidentally I am not sure ~~xx~~ that StarSeed would be the best possible ending to the essay, since it only briefly makes mention of NEUROLOGIC and also since some readers - maybe the publisher - will think it too far out. It is always much easier to seduce the public through generalities even though they may carry the seeds of schism. Practical implications can then be left for later. Let me know how you feel about these matters. I will continue to arrange NEUROLOGIC ~~xx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ according to the first plan and will let you know about it when I have finished it in a few daysx for you to accept or reject.

Had lunch ^{recently} with Michael Hollingshead and an English clergyman's daughter Auriel, a very nice former Oxford student whom he had in tow, though I am not sure in what capacity. They are staying with the Gunther Wells. ~~Michael~~ Michael has now joined the Third Franciscan Order of the Anglican church and is presently promoting a workshop on the future of religious experience with the help of Gunther and George Litwin. I hope to participate. He is publishing a book ~~xxxxxx~~ described about himself entitled THE MAN WHO TURNED ON THE WORLD, in which you feature - described in an issue of the BOSTON PHOENIX, a copy of which I am sending you, along with the copy of REAL PAPER describing Joanna's press interview here, though doubtless you have already seen it. *The latter.*

Marge King recently sent me a note saying that you ~~xxxx~~ have been getting a better press recently, and I hope that Vacaville is an improvement over Folsom. Did Marge and Jean ever get to visit you at Folsom, as they wished?

I expect to be out on the West Coast again around April ~~19xx~~ 19-20, when the Academy of R & PR is to have a meeting in Claremont. At that time I will try to get out to see you.

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I understand that you have the possibility of a parole coming up soon. I wrote in your behalf. Hopefully you will be free soon.

Affectionately,

Walter